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Applicant: Bianchi *et al.* Examiner: Myers, Carla J.
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 24, 2008, entry and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. The deadline for responding to the Restriction Requirement without fees was November 24, 2008. A one (1) month extension of time from November 24, 2008, up to and including December 24, 2008, is hereby respectfully requested, and the extension fee of **\$65.00** for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is being paid via electronic credit card authorization. Applicant submits that the present Response is timely submitted on December 19, 2008.

Without agreeing with the Examiner's position with regard to unity of invention, and solely to advance prosecution, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-127.

Please charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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